

Interpretive Activities

Visitor Center

Open daily as follows: mid-March to late October, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; late October to mid-March, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Exhibits, information, backcountry permits, video presentation, booksales, and water. Call (435)259-4712, x10 to verify hours.

Interpretive Talks and Guided Walks

Presented daily March through October. Locations, times, and topics vary. A program schedule and description of activities is posted at the visitor center, campground, and entrance station.

Self-Guiding Trail Booklets (.50 cents each)

Available for Neck Spring, Mesa Arch, and Upheaval Dome Overlook trails. Obtain booklets at trailheads or the visitor center.

Hiking Trails

Trails are marked with cairns (small rock piles). Please do not disturb existing cairns or build new ones. Signs are located at trailheads and intersections. All trails leading below the Mesa Top are primitive and rough; carry and know how to use a topographic map. No potable water is available along any of the hiking trails.

	Round-Trip Distance	Round-Trip Hiking Time	Elevation Change	Description
Mesa Top (Easy Trails)				
Mesa Arch	0.5mi / 0.8km	30 minutes	100ft / 30m	mornings best, arch on cliff edge
Murphy Point	1.3mi / 1.9km	1 hour	100ft / 30m	panoramic view w/Henry Mtns.
White Rim Overlook	1.5mi / 2.0km	1 hour	25ft / 8m	view of potholes, White Rim Road
Grand View Point	2.0mi / 3.0km	1.5 hours	50ft / 15m	panoramic view along cliff edge
Mesa Top (Moderate Trails)				
Neck Spring	5.0mi / 8.0km	3 - 4 hours	300ft / 91m	springs, evidence of ranching
Aztec Butte	2.0mi / 3.0km	1.5 hours	225ft / 69m	steep slickrock to top, grainaries
Whale Rock	1.0mi / 1.5km	1 hour	100ft / 30m	bare slickrock, good views
Upheaval Dome				
to main overlook	1.0mi / 1.5km	30 minutes	50ft / 15m	view into crater
to second overlook	2.0mi / 3.0km	45 minutes	200ft / 61m	crater & upheaval canyon view
Mesa Top to White Rim (Steep & Strenuous Trails)				
Lathrop				
to White Rim Road	10mi / 16km	5- 7 hours	1600ft / 488m	views of Colorado River & LaSals
to Colorado River	17mi / 27km	overnight	2000ft / 610m	river access, cottonwoods
Murphy Loop	9mi / 14km	5 - 7 hours	1400ft / 427m	panoramic view from hogback
Gooseberry	6mi / 10km	4 - 6 hours	1400ft / 427m	views of cliffs & LaSal Mtns.
Wilhite	10mi / 16km	6 - 8 hours	1600ft / 488m	slot cyn across White Rim Road
Alcove Spring	10mi / 16km	6 - 7 hours	1300ft / 396m	large alcove, views of Taylor Cyn
Syncline Loop	8mi / 13km	5 - 7 hours	1300ft / 396m	canyon hiking, some shade
Upheaval Crater spur	3mi / 4km	2 hours	350ft / 107m	some scrambling over rocks
Upheaval Canyon spur	6mi / 10km	2 - 3 hours	400ft / 122m	sandy hike along wash bottom
Trails along the White Rim Road				
Gooseneck	1.0mi / 1.5km	30 minutes	50ft / 15m	excellent view of Colorado River
Fort Bottom Ruin	4.0mi / 4.0km	2 hours	500ft / 152m	tower ruin from ancient times
Moses and Zeus	1.0mi/1.5km	1 hour	500ft / 152m	views of Taylor Cyn, climbing routes

Traveling With Pets

Pets are not allowed on any hiking trails or in the backcountry. Pets may not accompany you in your vehicle on four-wheel-drive roads. Pets may be walked along paved roads, in parking lots, and at Willow Flat Campground, but must be on a leash at all times. Protect your pet from heat exhaustion: do not leave your pet unattended in a vehicle during hot weather.



Protect Your Park

- Do not enter, alter, damage or deface archaeological sites. Do not collect artifacts.
- All vehicles and bicycles must stay on designated roads.
- ATVs are not permitted.
- Protect cryptobiotic soil crusts by staying on trails.
- Permits are required for all overnight backcountry trips.
- Pets are not allowed on hiking trails or on four-wheel-drive roads, even in a vehicle.



Protect Yourself

- Drink at least one gallon of water each day.
- Always carry a topo map, adequate clothing, and a flashlight.
- Remain in one place if you become lost or separated.
- Flash floods can occur without warning. Never cross a canyon that is flooding.
- During a lightning storm avoid lone trees, cliff edges, and high ridges. Return to your vehicle if possible.
- Be careful near cliff edges, especially when rock is wet or icy.